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of Mme. du Barry by Boucher, \$11,000; a Diana by the same artist, \$15,750; a portrait of De Noirmont by Sagillière, \$13,000; and a picture of the Countess of Neuburg and her children by the same artist, \$21,750; a "Mars and Venus" by Paul Veronese, \$49,000; a portrait of Mrs. Blair by Romney, \$11,000; a portrait of Giorgio Cornaro by Titian, \$23,000. The sensation of the sale was the purchase by Wertheimer, the dealer, of a small, battered portrait of a lady in a white muslin dress by Gainsborough, for \$47,000. It was a canvas twenty-five by thirty inches, the picture buried beneath many coats of varnish. Some years ago the former owner tried in vain to sell it for \$25.

✱ The death is announced at Seville of José Jimenez of Aranda, whose paintings of court scenes under the directory are well known in this country. He was sixty-five years old, and had been for many years a professor at the Art Academy of Seville. Besides painting innumerable pictures he was an illustrator of note. At the Paris exhibition of 1900 he received a first-class medal for his illustrations for "Don Quixote." He was also the illustrator of Daudet's "Tartarin sur les Alpes."

✱ Luc-Olivier Merson, Roybet, Rochegrosse, Grasset, Besnard, and Raffaelli have made the mural decorations of the new Musée Victor Hugo. The house is the one at the Place des Vosges, where the great poet lived. The woodwork on the walls was by his own hand. There is also a table inlaid by him, with inkstands and manuscripts of Lamartine, George Sand, Alexandre Dumas, and Hugo.

✱ The German emperor has conferred upon John S. Sargent, the American painter, a large gold medal for art in connection with the Berlin art exhibition. A small gold medal was conferred upon Edwin A. Abbey, the American artist.

✱ The city authorities of Venice announce that the new Campanile, as perfect a copy of the old one as can be built, will be finished in 1908. The corner-stone was laid last month with appropriate ceremonies, and the work is now well under way.



BOOKS RECEIVED

"The Old China Book," by N. Hudson Moore. Frederick A. Stokes Company. \$2.00 net.

"The Law of Mental Medicine," by Thomson Jay Hudson. A. C. McClurg & Co. \$1.20 net.

"Representative Art of Our Time," Part VIII. Edited by Charles Holme. John Lane. \$1.00.

"Masters of English Landscape Painting," J. S. Cotman, David Cox, and Peter DeWint. Edited by Charles Holme. John Lane. \$2.00 net.